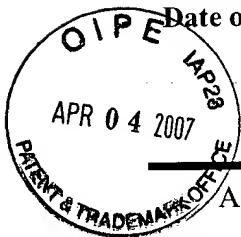


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
APRIL 18, 2006 AND ADVISORY ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed on November 13, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response along with a Request for Continued Examination, filed herewith. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a four-month extension of time (up to and including April 18, 2007) and the necessary fee for a small entity are enclosed. If any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **27353-501 UTIL**.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.